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Dedication

We, the Seniors of Searsboro High School, Class of '56", do sincerely dedicate this annual to the entire high school faculty and especially to Mrs. Al Nelson for her help and co-operation in putting out this annual.



A.L. NELSON
Superintendent
B.A. Simpson College
M.S. Drake University
Coach
Shop

Administration



MRS. AL NELSON
B.A. and B.M.
Simpson College
Commercial
Music
7th and 8th Grades

MRS. L.E. WAGAMON
B.A. William Penn College
Home Economics
English
Science



MRS. VERSA HARVEY
A.B. Friends University
Mathematics
English
Economics
Sociology



MRS. T. B. BARRON
B.A. I.S.U.
Math
7th and 8th Grades





MRS. FERNE SARVER
John Fletcher
State Teacher's College
Grinnell College
5th and 6th Grades

MISS ADDIE MAE WATSON
William Penn College
Drake University
3rd and 4th Grades



MRS. GLENN BRIGNON
I.S.T.C.
Des Moines University
Penn College
Iowa State University
1st and 2nd Grades



MRS. EDITH WATSON
Penn College
Cedar Falls
Primary





DOROTHY ANNE TISH

President - - - 1-2-3-4
Office Girl - - - -3-4
Basketball Manager - -1
Glee Club - - 1-2-3-4
Paper Staff - - - 1-3-4
Annual Staff - - - -4
Plays - - - - -3-4



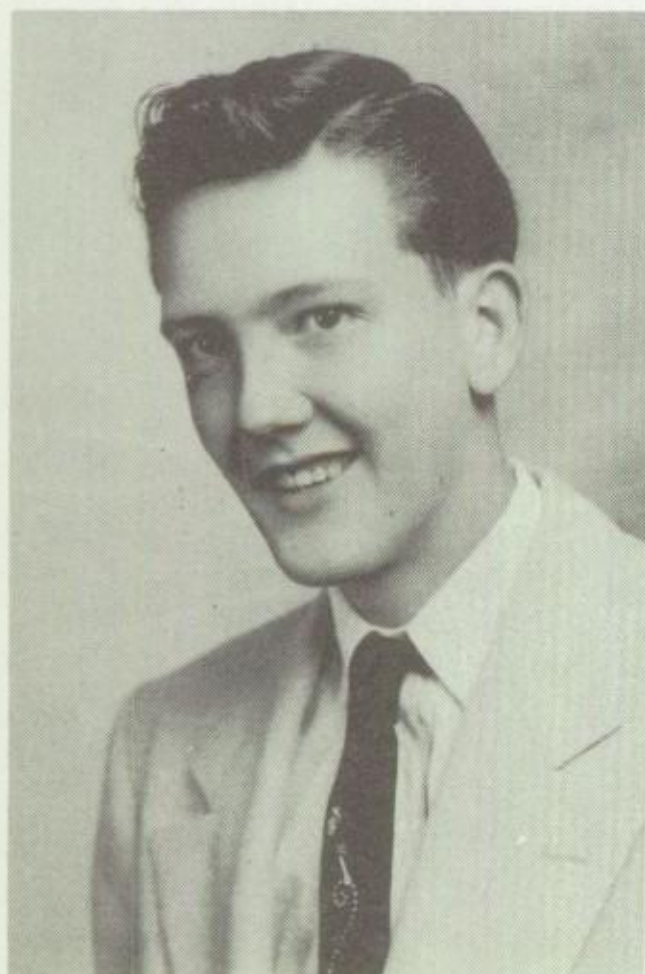
LLOYD KEITH PHILLIPS

Secretary - - - - - 4
Basketball - - - 1-2-3
Baseball - - - 1-2-3-4
Paper Staff - - - - 4
Annual Staff - - - - 4
Plays - - - - - 3-4

LARRY RAY MEREDITH

Treasurer - - - - - 4
Basketball - - 1-2-3-4
Baseball - - - 1-2-3-4
Paper Staff - - - - 2-4
Annual Staff - - - - 4
Plays - - - - - 3-4
Captain - - - - - 4

Seniors



JEANNINE MARIE GUTHRIE

Vice-President - - - 4
Glee Club - - 2-3-4
Paper Staff - - - -3-4
Annual Staff - - - -4
Plays - - - - -3-4





GLEN KEITH LADELY

Treasurer - - - - - 3
 Basketball - - - 1-2-3-4
 Baseball - - - - 1-2-3-4
 Paper Staff - - - - - 4
 Annual Staff - - - - - 4
 Plays - - - - - 3-4



MARY LOUISE FIGLAND

Basketball - - - - - 1
 Glee Club - - - 1-2-3-4
 Paper Staff - - - - - 4
 Annual Staff - - - - - 4
 Plays - - - - - 3-4

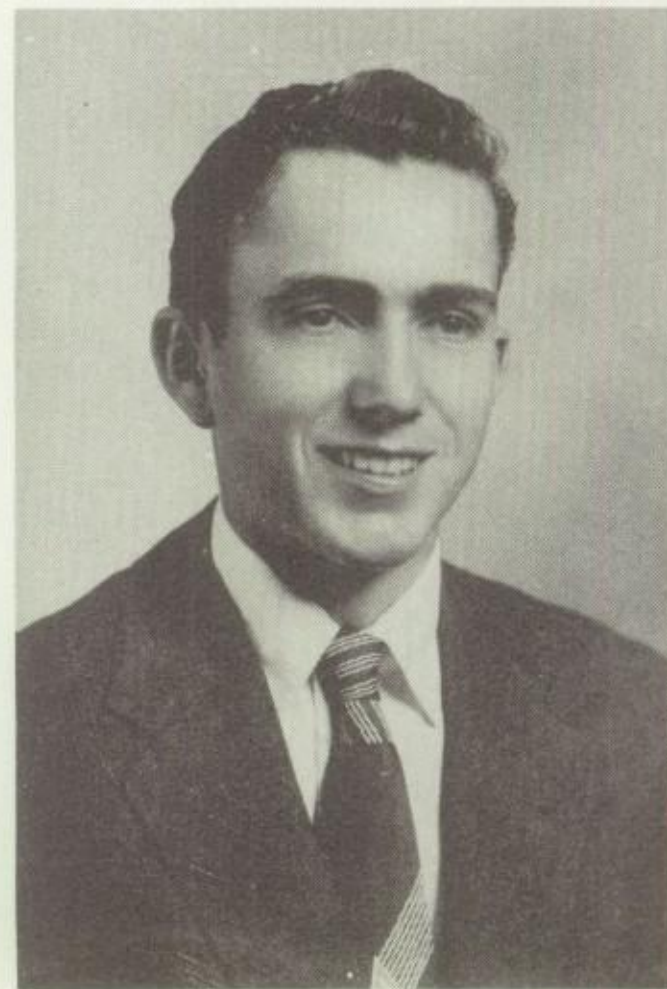
LINDA MAE JAMES

Basketball - - - - - 1
 Cheerleader - - - - 2-3
 Glee Club - - - 1-2-3-4
 Paper Staff - - - - - 4
 Annual Staff - - - - - 4



BRUCE CLARK LEWIS

Basketball - - - 1-2-3-4
 Baseball - - - - 1-2-3-4
 Paper Staff - - - - - 4
 Annual Staff - - - - - 4
 Plays - - - - - 3-4





JERRY LEE MASSENGALE

Paper Staff - - -1-2-3-4
 Annual Staff - - - - -4
 Plays - - - - -3-4



MADELINE SUE MAYNE

Basketball - - - - - 1
 Glee Club - - 1-2-3-4
 Sextette - - - - 2-3-4
 Paper Staff - - - - 3-4
 Annual Staff - - - - 4
 Plays - - - - - 3-4



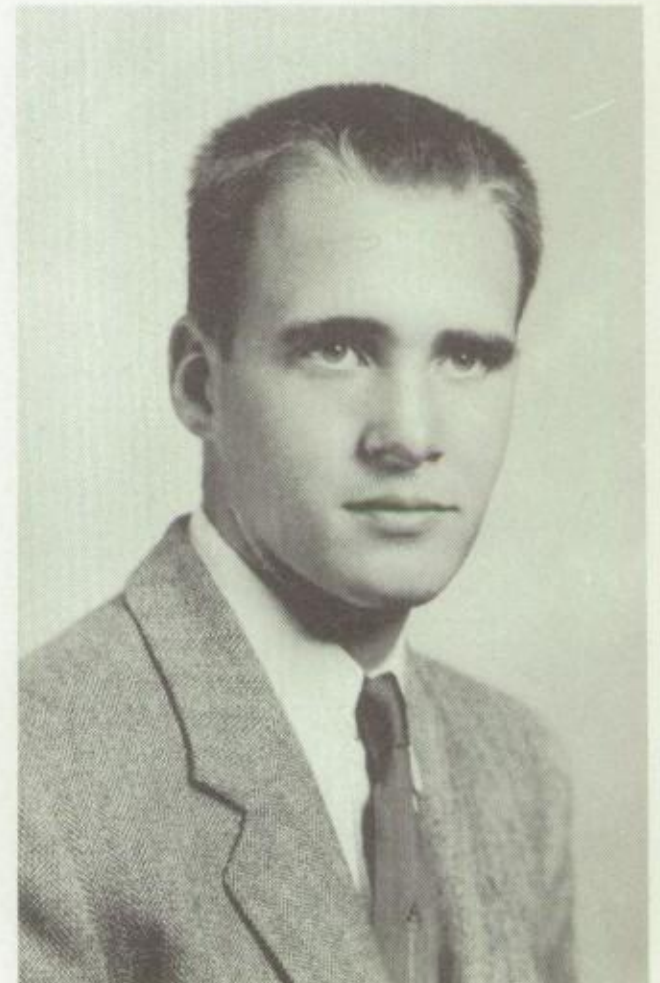
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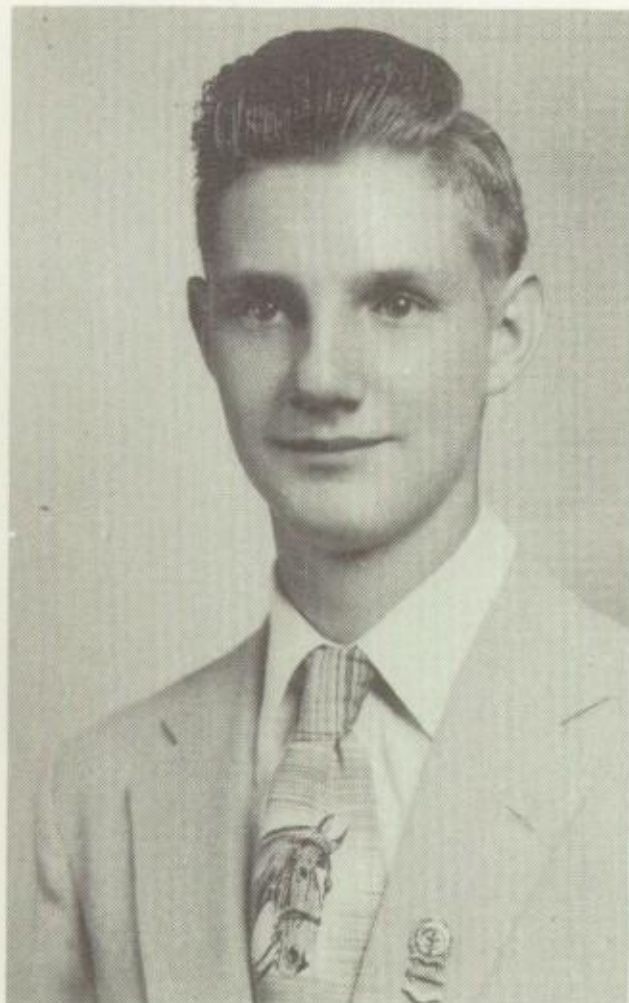
Basketball - - - - - 4
 Cheerleader - - 1-2-3-4
 Glee Club - - - 1-2-3-4
 Sextette - - - - - 3-4
 Paper Staff - - - -2-3-4
 Annual Staff - - - - - 4
 Plays - - - - -3-4



DAVID STANLEY GRAY

Basketball - - - - -1-2
 Annual Staff - - - - 4
 Plays - - - - -2-3-4





JAMES CHARLES WATSON

Cheerleader - - - - 2
 Paper Staff - - - - 4
 Annual Staff - - - - 4
 Plays - - - - - 3-4



NANCY ANN GOOCH

Basketball - - - - 1-3-4
 Co-captain - - - - 4
 Manager - - - - 2
 Cheerleader - - - - 4
 Glee Club - - 1-2-3-4
 Sextette - - - - - 4
 Paper Staff - - - - 4
 Annual Staff - - - - 4
 Plays - - - - - 3-4

KATHERINE IRENE WATSON

Secretary - - - - - 3
 Office Girl - - - 3-4
 Basketball - - 1-2-3-4
 Captain - - - - - 4
 Glee Club - - 1-2-3-4
 Paper Staff - - - 3-4
 Annual Staff - - - 4
 Plays - - - - - 3-4



CHARLES EDWARD ARMENT

Basketball - - - 2-3-4
 Baseball - - - 1-2-3-4
 Paper Staff - - - 4
 Annual Staff - - - 4
 Plays - - - - - 2-3-4



Class Presidents



PEGGY GOOCH - JUNIOR



JANET TICE - SOPHOMORE

LEORA WATSON - FRESHMAN



Undergrads

Juniors



Barbara Hasley



Lyle Meredith



Bill Moore



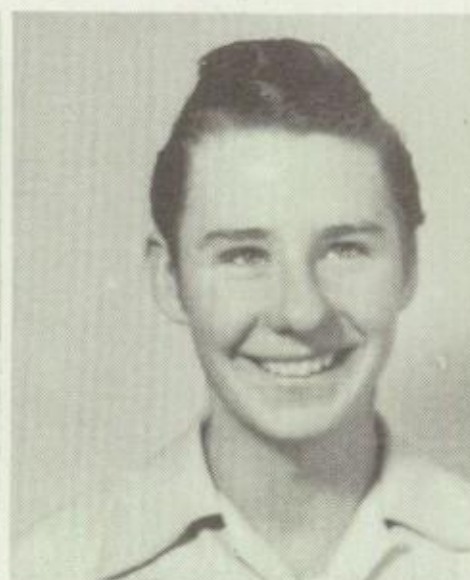
Sarah Billman



Maxine Mayne



Larry Hasley



Fred Watson



Alice Gause

Bob Mitchell



Dennis Brubaker



Sophomores



Jerry Tice



Janice Watson



Richard Adkins



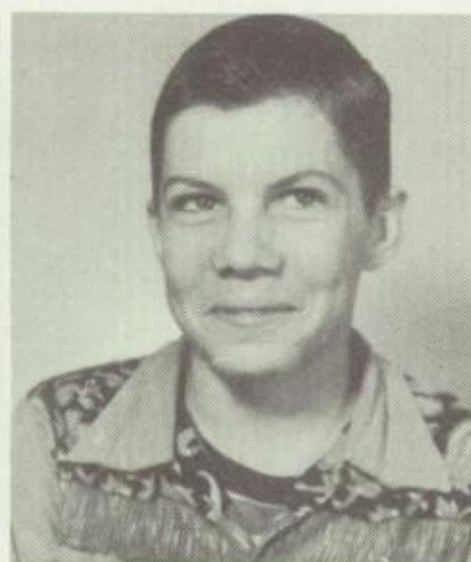
Richard Stewart



Alta Massengale



Rilla Watson



Russell Adkins



Dennis Watson



Maxine Watson



Russell Lewis



Jerry Meredith

Freshmen



Richard Brignon



Susan Gooch



Connie Grimm



Sandra Sarver



Gerald King



Charles Hasley



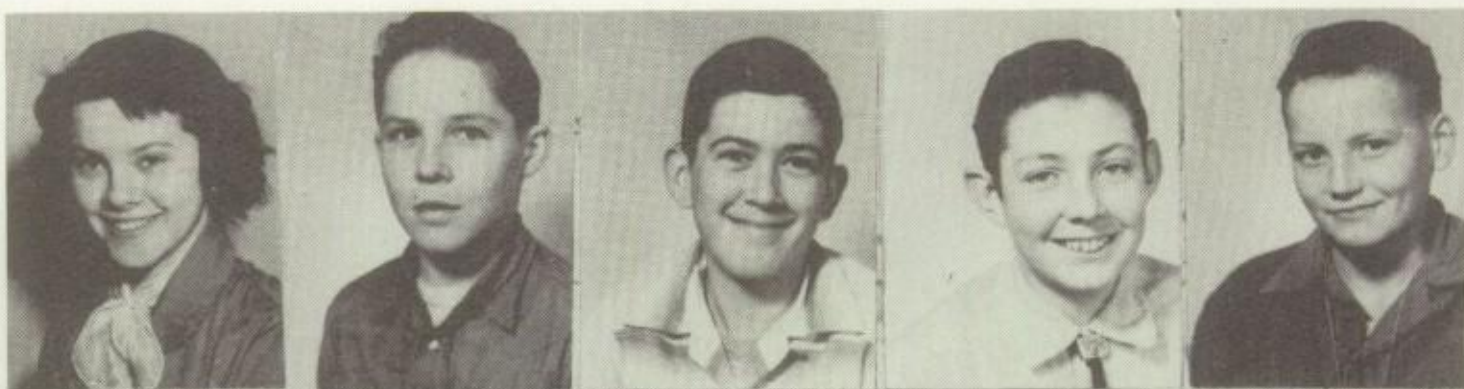
Betty Brubaker



Peggy Mayne

Left to Right:

Mary Lu Ahrens
Richard Grimm
Wayne Funk
Thomas Tish
Jim Moore



Larry Moore
Rex Massengale
Leroy Meredith
Karol Gooch
Alice Roof



Karen Watson
Gerald Brignon
Richard Weiss
Loren Hasley
Kennetha Smith



Alvin Leff
Marvin Renaud
Bruce Adkins
Robert Watson
Linda Moore



David Tice
Mary Watson
Jack King
Keith Roof
Karen Steen



John Ahrens
Sharon Hasley



7th & 8th Grades



Left to Right:

Betty Figland
Jimmy Fudge
Judy Mayne
George Evans
Donna Grimm



Larry Brubaker
Mary Stewart
Larry Massengale
Georgia Smith
Billy Watson



Gerben Veenstra
Kathy Chedester
David Hasley
Douglas Watson
Nancy Stanley



Jane Walker
Jean Walker
Eddie Gooch
Charlotte Hasley
Norman Leff



Tommy Davis
Carolyn Hasley
David Figland
Dianne Steen
La Verne Renaud



Junior Arthur
Rita Hasley
John Phillips
Helen Phillips

5th & 6th Grades

Left to Right:

David Massengale
Judy Hull
John Hasley
Clare Hasley
Connie Ahrens



Dennis Arthur
Marian Leff
Judy Tinkle
Beverly Norman
Judy Meredith



Betty Meredith
Sandy Leff
Karen James
Dickie Hasley
Claire Chedester



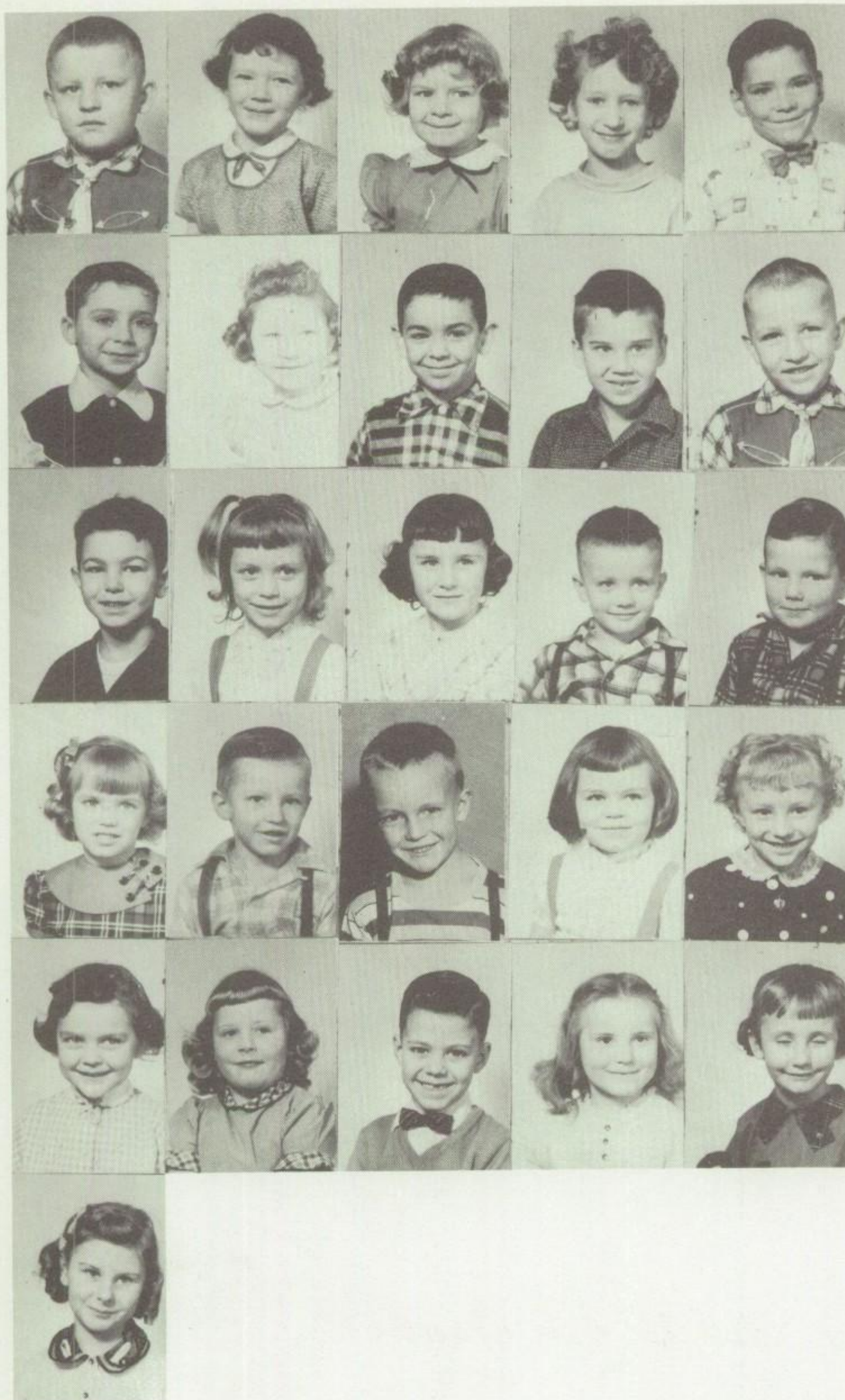
Dennis Dieleman
Dennis Grimm
Barbara Septer
Elaine Renaud
Cliff Meyer



Kathy Brubaker



3rd & 4th Grades



Left to Right:

Wayne Hasley
Elma Massengale
Eleanor Roof
Dawn Schmidt
Micheal Hasley

Allan Arthur
Carolyn Arthur
Donald Davis
Robin Gray
Ray Hasley

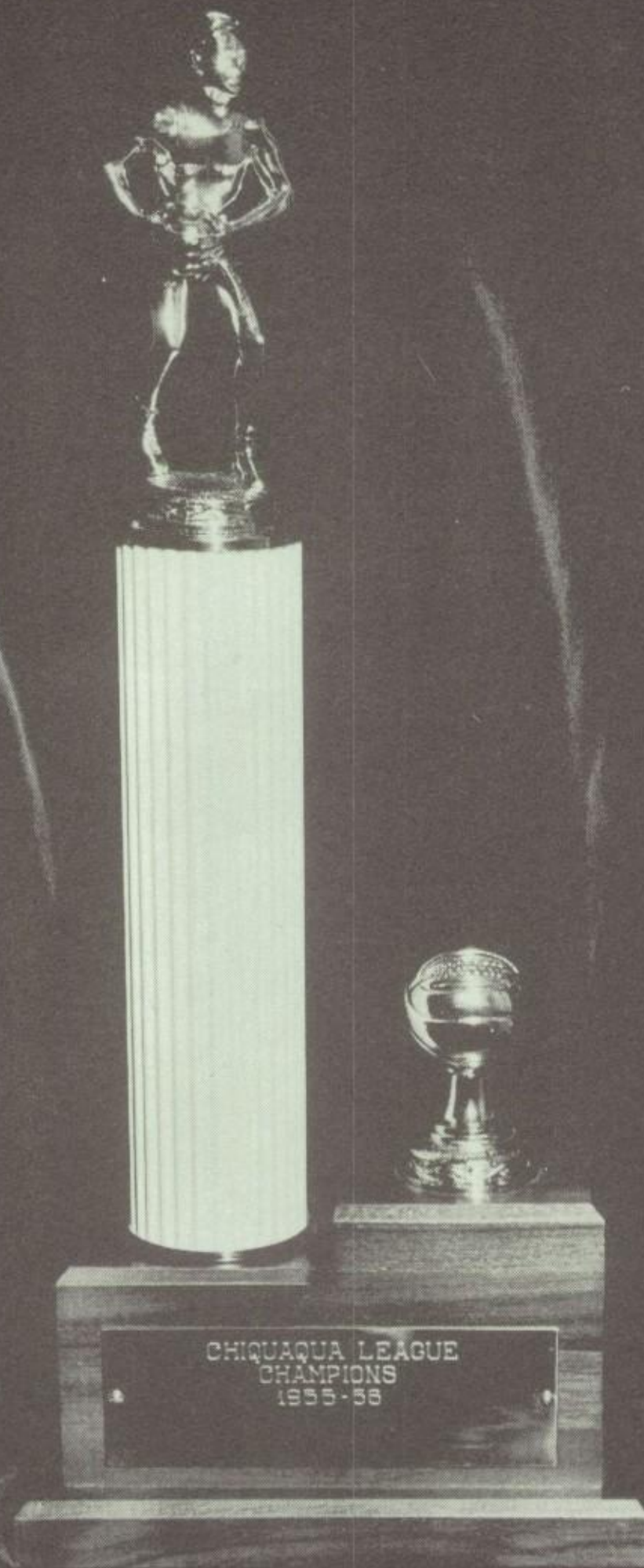
Clen Lincoln
Deborah McClure
Linda Stanley
Billy Ahrens
Bryce Fopma

Jeanette Lawson
Dallas Leff
Terry Lowry
Beth Ann McClure
Naomi Moore

Barbara Norman
Rebecca Rutherford
Randall Sarver
Sherry Thon
Connie Watson

Martha Watson

Kindergarten 1st & 2nd Grades



Athletics



First Row: Nancy Gooch, Betty Mitchell, Rilla Watson, Alice Gause, Barbara Hasley, Katherine Watson.

Second Row: Janice Watson, Manager, Susan Gooch, Peggy Gooch, Janet Tice, Mr. Nelson.

Third Row: Peggy Mayne, Leora Watson, Sandra Sarver, Maxine Watson, Connie Grimm, Alta Massengale, Betty Brubaker.

Girls' Basketball

NAME	YR.	POINTS	FOULS	AVE. POINTS
Barbara Hasley	Jr.	328	57	18 2/9
Katherine Watson	Sr.	297	36	16 1/2
Alice Gause	Jr.	238	29	12 2/9
Peggy Gooch	Jr.	85	22	
Janet Tice	Soph.	32	20	
Susan Gooch	Fresh.	27	8	
Nancy Gooch	Sr.		69	
Betty Mitchell	Sr.		40	
Rilla Watson	Soph.		12	
Sandra Sarver	Fresh.			

Girls' Basketball Record

Won 5

Lost 13

OPPONENTS

SEARSBORO

Lacey	60
Lynnville	63
New Sharon	93
Eddyville	51
Whatcheer	84
Fremont	83
Lacey	89
Cedar	71
New Sharon	78
Eddyville	47
Whatcheer	70
Lynnville	45
Fremont	65
Cedar	64

41
46
46
59
85
59
87
46
42
41
74
47
58
48

Counties

Brooklyn	81
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63

Sectionals

Sully	41
Malcom	56
Lynnville	44

63
51
40



Betty



Nancy



Katherine



Peggy



Rilla



Barbara



Alice



First Row: Bruce Lewis, Glen Ladely, Larry Meredith, Chuck Arment, Larry Hasley.

Second Row: Manager, Chuck Hasley, Jerry Tice, Gerald King, Richard Brignon, Bobby Mitchell, Lyle Meredith, Mr. Nelson.

Third Row: Jerry Meredith, Dennis Watson, Bill Moore, Russell Lewis.

Boys' Basketball

The Boys' Basketball squad had a good season this year, winning 15; losing 5. After losing the Chiquaqua League for the last three years, we regained it this year with a 10-2 league record. We won the consolation trophy in the County Tournament and in Sectional play we lost our third game. Losing three seniors, we hope that Searsboro can win the League next year along with many tournaments.

NAME	YR.	POINTS	FOULS	AVE. POINTS
Bruce Lewis	12	272	49	13 3/5
Glen Ladely	12	392	54	19 3/5
Larry Meredith	12	392	52	19 3/5
Larry Hasley	11	119	58	5 19/20
Lyle Meredith	11	51	14	
Chuck Arment	12	40	21	2 2/3
Bob Mitchell	11	21	13	
Jerry Tice	10	8	3	
Russell Lewis	10	4	2	
Gerald King	9	11	12	
Richard Brignon	9	7	6	

Boys' Basketball Record

Won 15

Lost 5

OPPONENTS

SEARSBOR

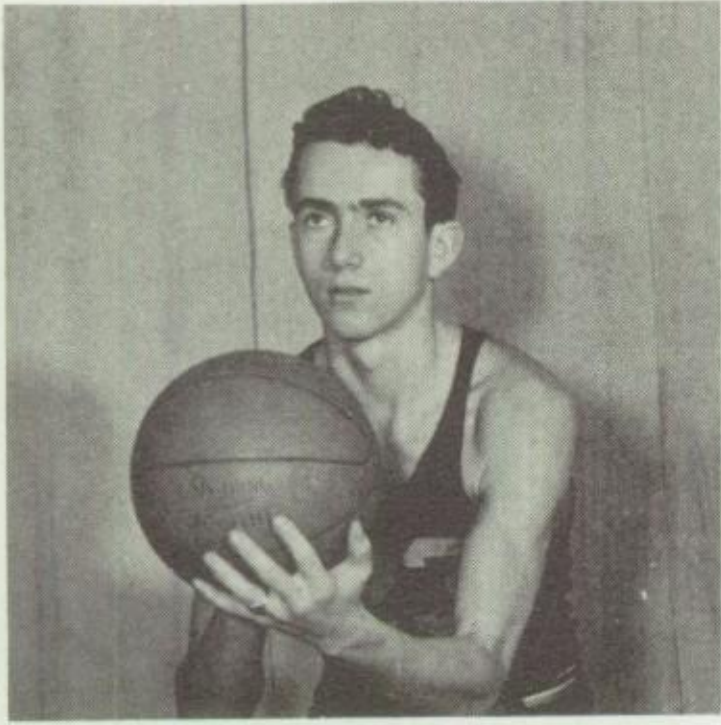
Lacey	44	46
Lynnville	35	55
New Sharon	57	62
Eddyville	52	69
Whatcheer	38	74
Fremont	75	92
Lacey	55	53
Cedar	61	66
New Sharon	64	74
Eddyville	67	73
Whatcheer	48	60
Lynnville	70	66
Fremont	77	74
Cedar	37	84

County Tournament

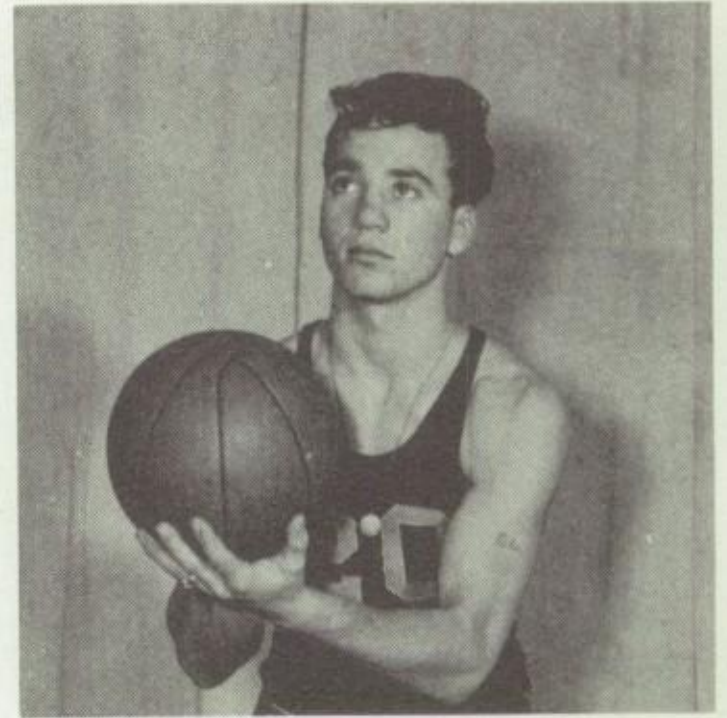
Geurnsey	45	68
Brooklyn	75	62
Grinnell "B"	62	72

Sectional Tournaments

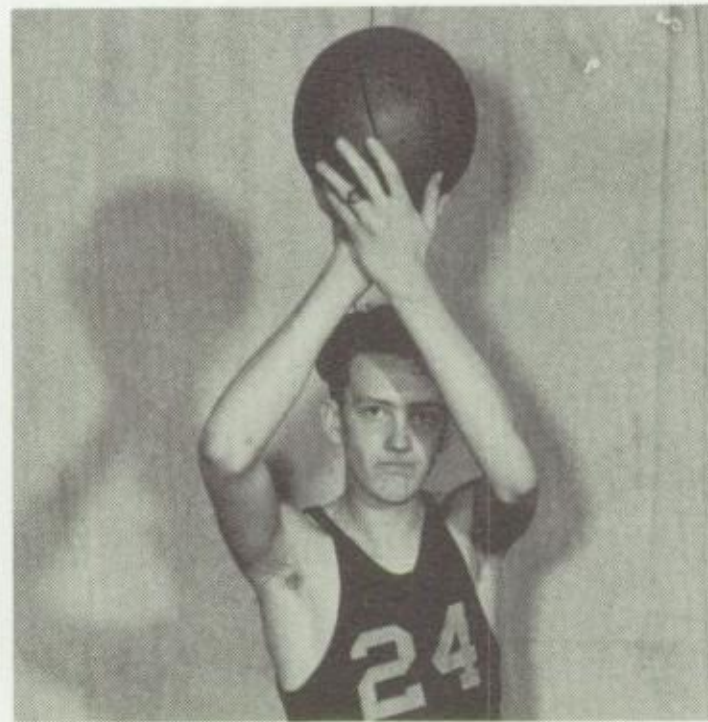
Rhodes	43	65
Sully	51	54
Prairie City	72	56



Bruce



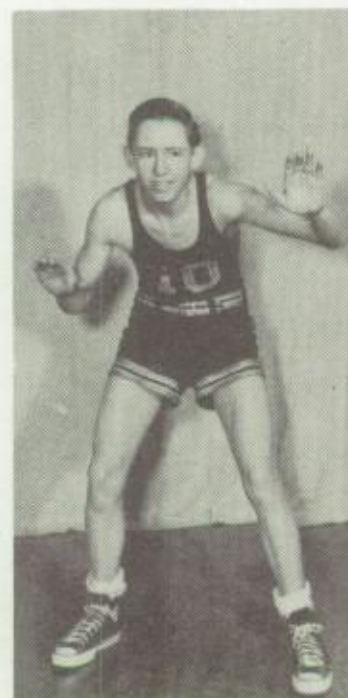
Glen



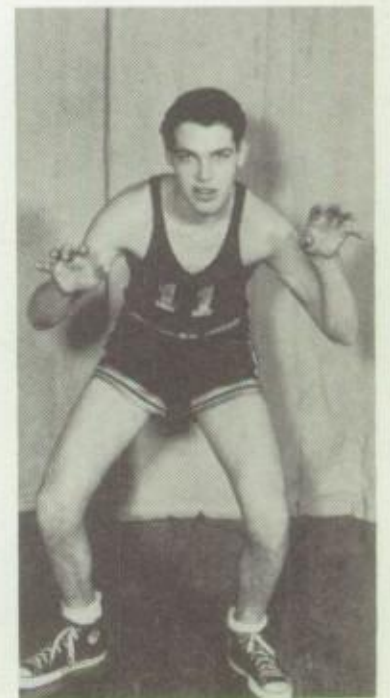
Larry M.



Larry H.



Lyle



Bob



First Row: Jerry Tice, Jerry Meredith, Lyle Meredith, Bruce Lewis, Larry Meredith, Larry Hasley, Lloyd Phillips.

Second Row: Charles Hasley, Manager, Russell Lewis, Glen Ladely, Charles Arment, Richard Brignon, Gerald King, Mr. Nelson.

Baseball

Our baseball team is the first to win a Sectional Tournament in about 30 years. We feel pretty good about it and hope to win it again this spring. There are five seniors on our team and they will leave the rest of the squad to carry on after the spring tournaments.

Our record this year was 4-2, losing our first and last game.

OPPONENTS

Lacey
Newburg

7
1

SEARSBORO

6
9

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Lacey
Barnes City
Gibson

2
0
2

10
10
3

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Guernsey

3

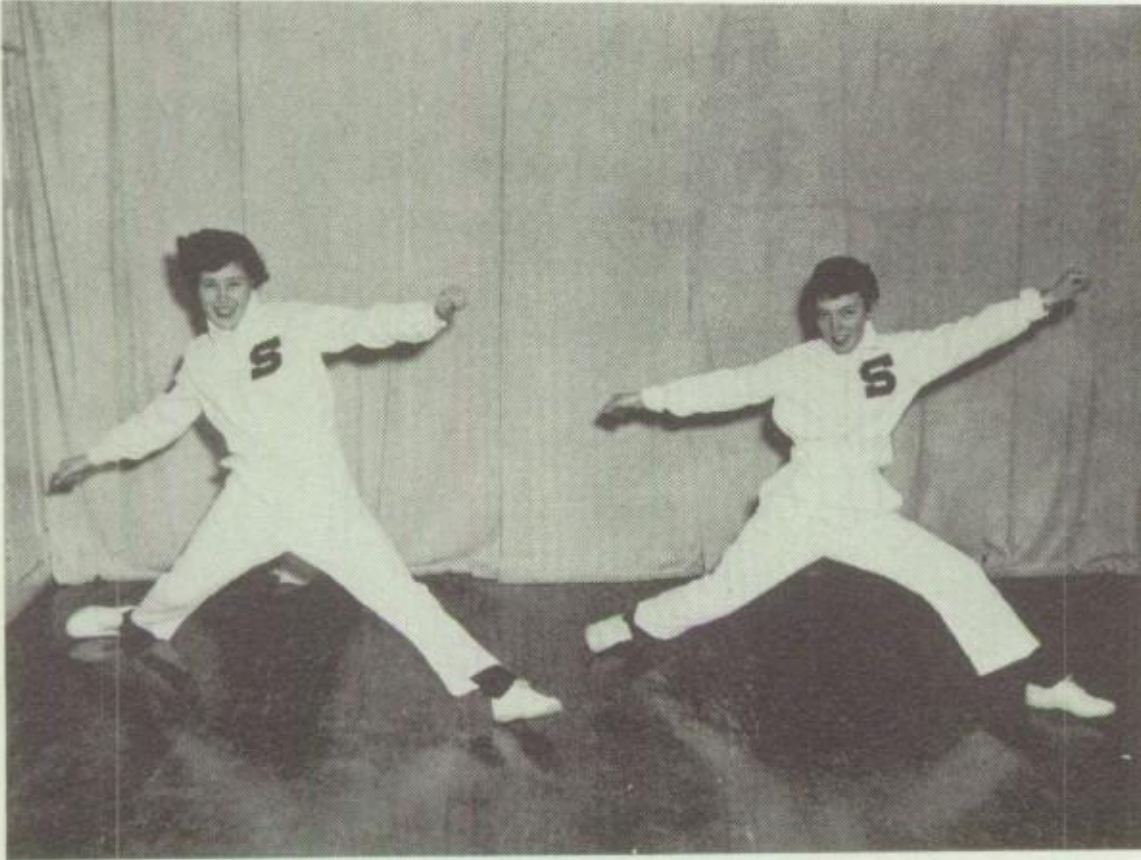
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BATTING AVERAGES

Meredith, Lyle
Ladely, Glen
Hasley, Larry
Meredith, Larry
Phillips, Lloyd
Lewis, Bruce
Arment, Charles
Meredith, Jerry
Tice, Jerry

S.S.
L.F.
Catcher
Pitcher
3rd. B.
C.F.
1st. B.
2nd. B.
R.F.

.333
.263
.333
.388
.066
.052
.294
.285



Betty Mitchell

Nancy Gooch

Activities



Alta Massengale

Sandra Sarver

Maxine Watson



Sextet

Left to Right: Mrs. Nelson, Alice Gause, Barbara Hasley, Betty Mitchell, Sue Mayne, Peggy Gooch, Nancy Gooch.



Glee Club

First Row: Jeannine Guthrie, Sue Mayne, Linda Mae James, Dorothy Tish, Katherine Watson, Mary Figland, Betty Mitchell, Nancy Gooch.

Second Row: Betty Brubaker, Leora Watson, Sarah Billman, Rilla Watson, Alice Gause, Barbara Hasley, Maxine Mayne, Peggy Gooch, Janet Tice.

Third Row: Sandra Sarver, Peggy Mayne, Alta Massengale, Janice Watson, Maxine Watson, Connie Grimm, Susan Gooch, Mrs. Nelson.



First Row: Larry Meredith, Jeannine Guthrie, Dorothy Tish, Jerry Massengale, Lloyd Phillips, Stanley Gray.

Second Row: Glen Ladely, Bruce Lewis, Betty Mitchell, Nancy Gooch, Mary Figland, Charles Arment, Katherine Watson, Mrs. Nelson, Linda Mae James, Sue Mayne, Charles Watson.

Annual Staff

Editor	Dorothy Tish
Assistant Editor	Jeannine Guthrie
Business Editor	Katherine Watson
Assistant Business Editor	Charles Arment
Layout Editor	Bruce Lewis
Assistant Layout Editors	Jerry Massengale
	Stanley Gray
Boys' Sports Editor	Larry Meredith
Assistant Sports Editor	Lloyd Phillips
Girls' Sports Editor	Nancy Gooch
Assistant Sports Editor	Betty Mitchell
Production Editor	Glen Ladely
Activity Editor	Linda Mae James
Assistant Activity Editor	Mary Figland
Feature Editor	Sue Mayne
Assistant Feature Editor	Charles Watson



First Row: Larry Meredith, Bruce Lewis, Barbara Hasley, Katherine Watson, Jerry Massengale, Lloyd Phillips, Jeannine Guthrie.
 Second Row: Glen Ladely, Peggy Gooch, Betty Mitchell, Nancy Gooch, Charles Arment, Mary Figland, Linda Mae James, Sue Mayne, Maxine Mayne, Mrs. Nelson, Alta Massengale.
 Third Row: Dorothy Tish, Freddy Watson, Charles Watson, Rilla Watson, Sandra Sarver.

Paper Staff

Editor	Katherine Watson
Assistant Editor	Barbara Hasley
Boys' Sports	Larry Meredith
	Charles Arment
Girls' Sports	Betty Mitchell
	Peggy Gooch
Circulation Manager	Jeannine Guthrie
	Linda Mae James
Community News	Sue Mayne
Senior News	Sue Mayne
Junior News	Maxine Mayne
Sophomore News	Rilla Watson
	Alta Massengale
Freshman News	Sandra Sarver
Church News	Dorothy Tish
Humor	Lloyd Phillips
Art	Jerry Massengale
	Betty Mitchell
	Linda Mae James
Press Crew	Bruce Lewis
	Glen Lewis
	Lloyd Phillips
	Charles Watson
Typists	Dorothy Tish
	Mary Figland
	Jeannine Guthrie
	Charles Arment
	Nancy Gooch
	Charles Watson



Cooks



Jack Newport



First Row: Rilla Watson, Maxine Watson, Alta Massengale

Second Row: Janet Tice, Mrs. Wagamon, Janice Watson.

Home Economics



Sandra Sarver, Susan Gooch, Mrs. Wagamon, Connie Grimm, Betty Brubaker, Peggy Mayne, Leora Watson.

Bookkeeping Class



First Row: Charles Watson, Dorothy Tish, Larry Meredith, Lyle Meredith, Dennis Brubaker, Freddie Watson, Charles Arment, Katherine Watson.

Second Row: Sue Mayne, Bruce Lewis, Glen Ladely, Jeannine Guthrie, Linda Mae James, Mary Figland, Jerry Massengale, Nancy Gooch.



Senior Class Will

We, the Class of 1956, Searsboro High, of the County of Poweshiek, and the state of Iowa, being of sound mind and body, after four strenuous years, do hereby make, publish, and declare this our last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills, bequests, and devices of whatever nature of form therefore made by us.

Chuck Arment wills his ability to go steady to Bob Mitchell.

Chuck Watson wills his eating ability to Freddie Watson.

Jeannine Guthrie wills some of her excess weight to Alice Gause.

Jerry Massengale wills his typewriter to Bill Moore.

Stanley Gray wills his basketball ability to Larry Hasley. Better train hard next year.

Nancy Gooch wills her good grades in bookkeeping to Lyle Meredith.

Mary Figland wills her ability to keep up her typing to Larry Hasley.

Sue Mayne wills her ability to get and keep a man to Barbara Hasley.

Betty Mitchell wills her cheerleading ability to Maxine Mayne. Better start practicing this summer, Maxine.

Linda Mae James wills her good grades and ability to get along with teachers to Larry Hasley.

Katherine Watson wills her ability to miss long shots to Peggy Gooch.

Sue Mayne wills her engagement ring to Sarah Billman. Good Luck, Sarah.

Dorothy Tish wills her height to Lyle Meredith.

Chuck Arment wills his first baseman's mitt to Dennis Brubaker.

Will

Jeannine Guthrie wills her ability to get along with Mrs. Harvey to Barbara Hasley. Good Luck, Barb.

Bruce Lewis wills his good looks to Larry Hasley. What an improvement.

Larry Meredith wills his ability to get to school on time to Maxine Mayne. Better start getting up earlier Maxine.

Glen Ladely wills his ability to get along with teachers to Lyle Meredith. He needs it.

Lloyd Phillips wills his ability to slide in on third base in sectional tournament, when the game is 3 to 2 our favor, and get put out to Bob Mitchell.

Dorothy Tish wills her ability to take dictation to Alice Gause.

Senior Class History

On September 3, 1952, twenty-one freshmen entered Searsboro High School. They were: Jo Ann Alkire, Nancy Gooch, Mary Figland, Stanley Gray, Jeannine Guthrie, James Guthrie, Linda Mae James, Wayne Kinnaird, Glen Ladely, Marilyn Ladely, Bruce Lewis, Jerry Massengale, Sue Mayne, Larry Meredith, Betty Mitchell, Lloyd Phillips, Wayne Phipps, Lewis Stanley, Dorothy Tish, Katherine Watson, Charles Watson. We lost Jo Ann Alkire and gained Charles Arment.

In the beginning of our Sophomore year we gained Gerald Miller, only to lose him later on. We also lost Wayne Kinnaird, and James Guthrie that year.

Lewis Stanley moved away before the start of our Junior year. At the second semester we lost Wayne Phipps which lowered our class to seventeen.

In August, Marilyn Ladely was married so it again cut our class one more.

Beginning our fourth and last year, our class consisted of sixteen members, eleven who started in the first grade and went through twelfth grade together. They were: Nancy Gooch, Mary Figland, Linda Mae James, Sue Mayne, Jerry Massengale, Larry Meredith, Betty Mitchell, Lloyd Phillips, Dorothy Tish, Charles Watson, and Katherine Watson. The other five of our Senior Class are: Charles Arment, Stanley Gray, Jeannine Guthrie, Glen Ladely, and Bruce Lewis.

Senior Class Prophecy

Today, May 4, 1966, is a big day for the previous Searsboro High Juniors of 1956. We are taking, what we think is, the first man-made trip to Mars. As we board our Black and Gold space ship, we are greeted by our pilot, whom we recognized as Space Cadet Jerry Massengale. As we waved our last good-bys to relatives, friends, and loved ones, we blasted off into outer space.

After coasting for five hours at 25,000 miles per hour through space, we began to feel rather hungry. Mary Figland, the stewardess, helped us put on our gravity boots, space suits, and helmets and we stepped out of the ship into thin air.

We noticed a fancy radio-active sign advertising "Gooch's Goodies" and we decided to stop for a snack. As the waitress came to take our orders we were all very astonished to find that she was Nancy Gooch from Searsboro High School.

We visited with Nancy for a while and ventured on to Arments Air Supply for food and other supplies to finish our journey. After further investigation, we found that the store was owned and operated by Chuck and Katherine Arment.

From there, we boarded our ship to continue our trip. As we soared upward, we were suddenly stopped by a space patrolman whom we recognized as Lloyd Phillips. He proceeded to give us a ticket for speeding and escorted us to the Space Jail where we were to see the Judge. To our astonishment, we found that he was Stanley Gray. Since we were old school pals he let us off with a small fine and we started off once again.

After a night of difficult traveling, we reached our destination, MARS. As we descended from the rocket, we were overpowered by a tribe of Marcians. We were surprised to find that the leader of the tribe was an American. After further conversation, we discovered that he was Glen Ladely. He took us to meet his wife, the former Joyce Pearson, who cooked us a lovely dinner of smoked dinosaur.

We were then taken to meet the chief in charge of all Mars. We were greeted heartily by Chief Larry Meredith who instantly recognized us. As we entered his lavish home, we were glared at jealously by the Chief's harem. Among his 26 wives, we recognized 3 of them as: Betty Mitchell, Linda Mae James, and Sue Mayne. All of them had been previously married

on Earth, but they couldn't resist the adventure of coming to Mars, which was to their downfall because after they arrived, they were lured by the charms of Chief Meredith to join his harem.

We were all sleeping soundly that night, when we were awakened by a loud buzzing. We traced the noise to the Brain Building. The "Brain," Dorothy Tish, was working feverishly at her electronic panel. She was very glad to see us, but we could not stay long as her work was so complicated she could not leave it to talk with us.

We decided that, since we were already up, we would go and get our breakfast. We were greatly surprised when they served us American food. When we asked the waitress about this, we were told that it was prepared by an American cook. Upon investigating, we found that she was Jeanne Guthrie. She told us that life on Earth was getting rather dull, so she decided to come to Mars and find a job.

As we stepped outside the dining hall, one of our party was suddenly struck by a flying meteor. We rushed him to the nearest space hospital, where he was taken immediately to surgery. Through the large glass windows of the operating room we were amazed to see that the surgeon preparing to operate was Bruce Lewis. After talking to the receptionist we learned that the pretty little nurse standing beside him was his wife, the former Darlene Leaming.

After being on Mars for two days we were all very anxious to get back to Earth. We decided to have the rocket completely overhauled before starting our journey home. As we looked for a reliable garage, we noticed a large sign reading, "Chucks One Day Service." Since we had met all the rest of the seniors we wondered if this could possibly be Chuck Watson. As we entered the garage, we saw that it was. We chatted with Charles until our rocket was ready then we took off for home.

We arrived home in a few hours. Although we enjoyed seeing the Seniors of '56 again, we were very glad to be back on Earth.

The Junior Class



Autographs

J.M. Guthrie & Son

SKELLY SERVICE

CAR - IMPLEMENT - TRUCK TIRES

PHONE 56

HOME 69

Johnson's Grocery

PHONE 34

JAMES GROCERY

DRY GOODS - GROCERIES - MEATS

PHONE 20

SEARSBORO

IOWA

MACY BROTHER'S, INC.

SUPPLIES FOR BETTER HOMES

READY MIX CONCRETE

AT SEARSBORO

GRAIN - FEED - COAL

PHONE 25

AT LYNNVILLE

BUILDING MATERIAL

PHONE 141

AT GRINNELL

READY MIX CONCRETE

PHONE L. D. S.

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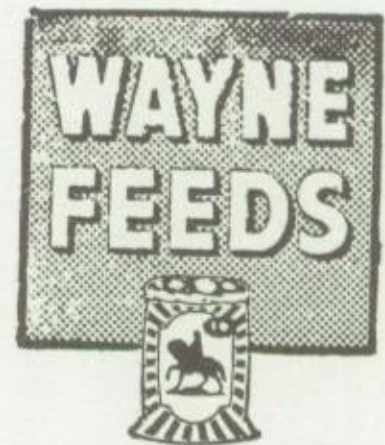
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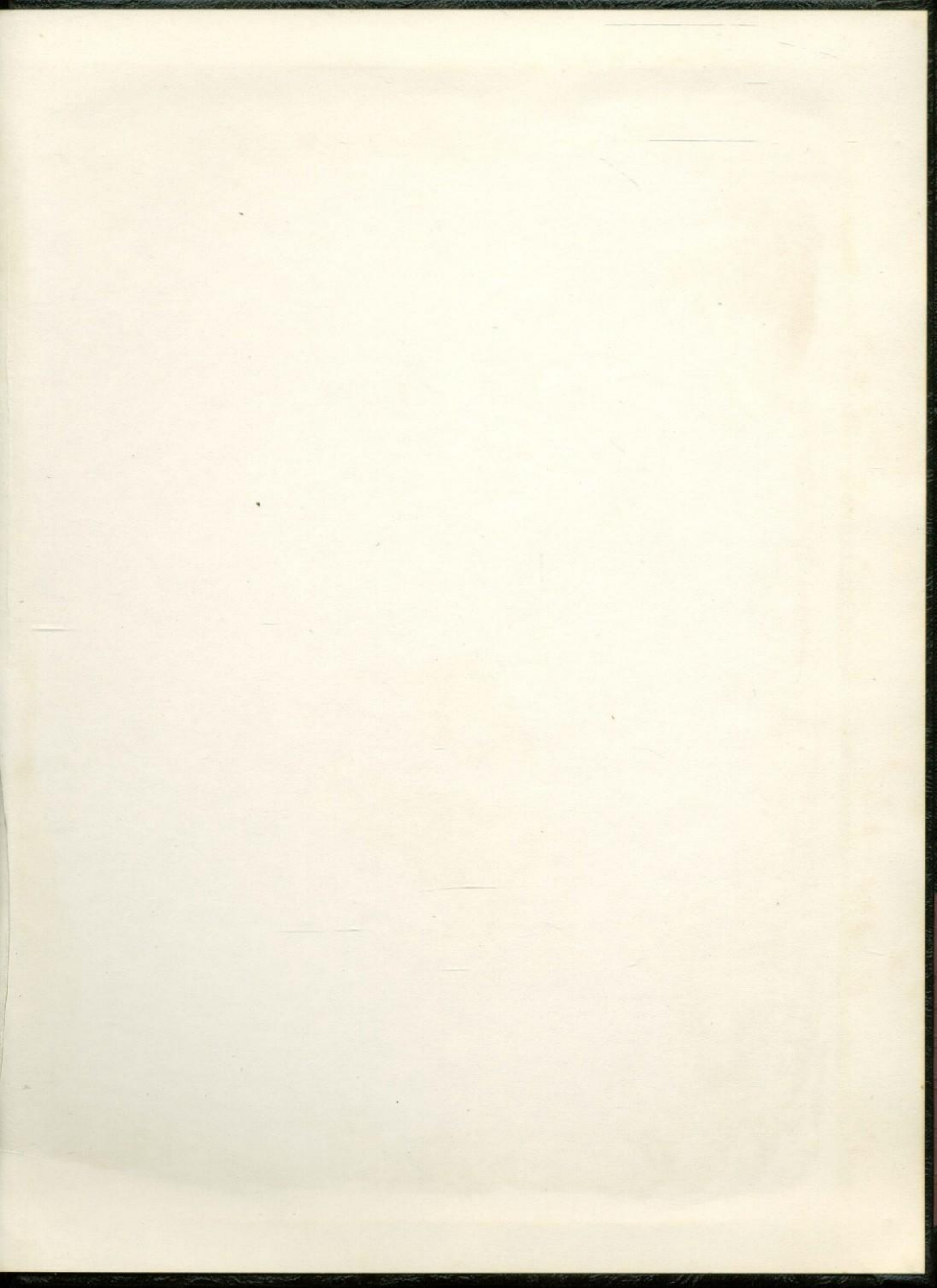
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